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## WORLD NEWS

• The widespread flood disaster in Mozambique is worsening, as thousands of deaths are being blamed on the deluge, and more than 100,000 stranded victims are still awaiting rescue, according to disaster response and emergency aid officials.

• Radio Liberty correspondent Andrei Babitsky, whose detention by Russian forces in Chechnya sparked protest inside Russia and abroad, was freed from custody early Tuesday, Russian media reported.

• Some of the jurors who acquitted the four white New York City police officers in the shooting death of an unarmed black man are speaking out, blaming the outcome of the murder trial on prosecutors. The Bronx district attorney had called the shooting a murder, claiming that the officers — motivated by racial assumptions — shot 41 times at African immigrant Amadou Diallo because they suspected the black man was about to pull a gun. But jurors who acquitted the four officers of all charges said prosecutors failed to prove that case to them.

• A third strike for cocaine landed Darryl Strawberry a one-year suspension Monday, and left the New York Yankees and most of baseball wondering: Will he ever play again? Commissioner Bud Selig imposed the penalty and did not make any provision for the troubled slugger, who turns 38 next month, to return early for good behavior.

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## ZTA variety show yields proceeds to charity

By Amanda Laughlin  
Staff Writer

Zeta Tau Alpha is sponsoring the second-annual Big Man On Campus (BMOC) men's variety show on Tuesday, March 7 to benefit breast cancer awareness. The contest, in which men are able to

showcase their talents, will be in Leone Cole Auditorium at 8 p.m. Last year, the talents ranged from playing the saxophone and singing to a "Sorority Death Match" skit and the "Human ABC's."

ZTA raised several thousand dollars last year for breast cancer awareness, their philanthropy,

through BMOC and several other events. Fund-raising events for this year have included a Fun Run, a bake sale, and BMOC. Also in the works is a golf tournament and a Greek softball tournament.

Breast cancer affects 1 in 9 women in the United States every year. In the US, more than 44,000

women die each year of breast cancer. In addition, 1,200 men will be affected by the disease and one-fourth of those affected will not survive the disease. Breast cancer can affect anyone, man or woman, but there are certain factors which put some at a higher

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CAST YOUR BALLOT: Last spring's SGA Officer/Senate elections on the fourth floor of the Theron Montgomery Building.

## Top three SGA offices unopposed

### 'No contest' raises questions about student involvement

By Adam Smith and  
Christopher Lauer  
Editors

With Student Government Association elections fast approaching, SGA representatives are encouraging students to get involved.

The SGA, the governing body of JSU students, decides what events will take place on campus each year, as well as passing resolutions that will effect all JSU students.

It plays "a big, big, part," according to SGA Advisor Terry Casey.

"There are only a few offices on campus that get funded for student activities like open Mic nights we have, the comedians we bring in ... movies we're going to start showing in the fall."

JSU's SGA is primarily made up of five students, three of which are running unopposed this election. Elizabeth Webb, 1st vice president and Donnell Humes, 2nd vice president are just two of the officers running unopposed. They hope their lack of opposition has more to do with their past track record than with the apathy of JSU students.

However, with a JSU population of approximately 7,400 students, it is logical to have more competition. Humes and Casey believe the lack

of participation partly comes from students having to serve on the student senate at least one year before running for SGA. "I think that has an impact on the number of candidates we have for officer," said Casey.

Does block voting play a part in who wins JSU elections, particularly SGA? "It does happen on campus," said Casey. Humes, who also agrees that it does occur, does not agree with block voting. "Me personally, I believe that everyone should speak their own mind. There will be those fraternities and sororities and other organizations who choose to block vote," said Humes. "You can't stop it."

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## Students stick Mason Hall with huge phone bill, forced to pay

By Wendy Laminack  
Staff Writer

When making a long distance phone call, call collect. Charge it to a credit card or home phone. But don't charge it to a department at the university.

Seventy-five phone calls were charged to the band room in Mason Hall at Jacksonville State University recently. Kenneth Bodiford, director of the Marching Southerners, reported the "theft of services" on Feb. 15.

Two JSU students have been identified as using the access code to make the calls. Their names were not released.

"What caught my attention was it was so much more money," said Music Department Head James Fairleigh. It was approximately \$750 more, according to Sgt. Ricky Gaither of the University Police Department.

Every month, the Music Department, as well as every other JSU department, is given a report of long distance calls charged to the department. Although recruitment has just begun for the music programs, the phone bill was "far more than we usually make in long distance calls," commented Fairleigh.

If the long distance access code

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# Campus Crime

- The Campus Crime Docket is never, and will never be, edited unless an incident report involves a minor.
- Items in the Campus Crime Docket are obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department.
- JSU students have the right to view these public records.
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- **2-22-00:** Brandy Bruder, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring in the TMB parking lot.
- **2-22-00:** Joseph Powell Waits, 30, of Anniston, Ala., was arrested on charges of criminal mischief 2nd and public intoxication by JSUPD occurring in the TMB parking lot.
- **2-23-00:** Karshibia Lloyd, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring in the Logan Hall parking lot.
- **2-24-00:** JSU reported a minor in possession of alcohol occurring in the Pete Mathews Coliseum parking lot.
- **2-24-00:** Chastity Johnson, 18, of Ohatchee, Ala., was arrested on charges of illegal possession of a credit card by JSUPD occurring at 700 Pelham Rd. N. Jacksonville.

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# Announcements

## Clubs And Organizations

### • Alpha Omicron Pi

AOPI says congratulations to the JSU basketball team on their win against Mercer! Good Luck to the baseball team on their games Friday and Saturday. Thanks to the SGA for Casino Night. Don't forget Mr. Universe-ity tonight at 7 p.m. Good Luck from AOPI to all the SGA officers and senators! Good Luck to the AOPI's running for Senator: Christa Collins, Erin Woodruff, Shannon Watkins, Sara Thompson, Andrea Martin, Carrie Thompson, Deidra Tidwell, Rebecca Adams, Christy Ramsden and Joy Boyd.

### • Alpha Tau Omega

The Brothers of Alpha Tau Omega recently participated in a clothes drive for the Alabama's Boy's Ranch. All of the brothers pitched in and gave what clothes they could to the Ranch. Last week we also cleaned our stretch of Adopt-a-mile that we have adopted along Hwy. 21. We also donated money and our services to Jump Rope for Heart. Buck McKelvey is an exceptional rope jumper. Good Luck to all JSU athletics this week. Congratulations to Chad "Chunk" Barnett for Brother of the Week. The Brothers of Alpha Tau Omega will have a Thursday gathering again, invitation only, for more information call 782-6333. All sororities are asked to please come and show your support. Have a Great Week!

### • Alpha Xi Delta

We would like to congratulate Joy Dye, Kristen Faulkner and Amy Johnson on their initiation. Good luck to Miranda Killingsworth on SGA Controller elections. Also good luck to Amy Baker, Nicole Harvel, Lindsey Passler and Kelli Patterson on the upcoming SGA Senator elections. Ladies, we have faith in you. We are looking forward to Mr. University this week. Good work to all of those who did not receive midterms. Keep it up. Good luck to everyone during the second half of the semester. Study hard!

### • Delta Zeta

The sisters of Delta Zeta would like to welcome our new members. Leslie Godfrey, Amy Phillips, and Brandi Watson-we love you and we're proud to have you as a part of our sisterhood! We would like to wish MaryBeth Edwards, Tavia McMunn, and Amy Phillips good luck in the upcoming Senate elections. To all our sisters with no midterms-GOOD JOB! Keep up the good work! Have a great week!

### • Panhellenic Council

Good luck to all the Greek SGA candidates Elizabeth Webb for president, Brandon Lewis for 1st-vice president, Miranda Killingsworth for controller and all those running for senate. Please remember to vote March 7 and 8. There will be a judicial meeting March 14 at 4 p.m. in Stephenson Room 220. Please support Alpha Omicron Pi tonight with their Mr. University at Leone Cole at 7 p.m. Thank you to all those who supported Casino Night, it was a great success. Greek Awards will be March 6 don't forget to RSVP! Zeta Tau Alpha will be hosting Big Man on Campus March 7 at Leone Cole. Have a great week!

### • Phi Mu

Phi Mu would like to wish Nicole Byrd, Laura Hawkins, Lauren Thrower, and Katy Waters a very Happy Birthday! Phi Mu's awards for the week go to Sunshine Award: Jen Chapman and Marianna Adams. The Phi's of the week are Kimberly Barden and Alyson Watford. The Phi Mu Ladies of the week are Misti Haynes and Shelly Hodges. You ladies make Phi Mu so proud! Also we would like to remind everyone again of our annual Little Miss JSU pageant that will be held on April 7, at Leone Cole Auditorium. Everyone be looking for the next Little Miss JSU. Also to Alpha Omicron Pi and Zeta Tau Alpha we are looking forward to Mr. University and Big Man On Campus! We wish all of JSU athletics good luck in their upcoming games! Phi Mu hopes that everyone has a wonderful week!

### • Zeta Tau Alpha

Kappa Sigma we had a great time at our paint mixer! We were covered from head to toe! Good luck to the JSU Baseball and Basketball teams this week! Also good luck to AOPI on a successful Mr. University! Congratulations

• **Free HIV testing:** Nursing Center Clinic. Tests done the last Friday of each month. Testing done by a representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health. For more information, call 782-5432.

• **Juried Student Exhibition** at Hammond Hall Gallery. Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Domestic Violence Training Conference:** Friday, April 7, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the JSU Gamecock Center. The cost is \$25. Limited seats are available. For more information, please contact Ted Embry at (256) 235-2558.

• **Student Accounting Association** will be providing income tax preparation assistance again this year. This assistance will be available from February 21 until April 15. They will be available on: Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The place is the lobby of Merrill Building.

• **Criminal Justice** will be holding a seminar on Saturday, March 4. The seminar will cover the aspects of developing and working informants. The seminar will cost \$40 and be worth one hour credit. Interested students should stop by Room 126 in Brewer Hall or call 782-5516 for more information.

• **The Chanticleer Staff** encourages, or rather thrives, on reader feedback. If you have an opinion about anything, drop us a letter or e-mail. We are located in Room 180, Self Hall. Our e-mail address is: jsu\_chanticleer@hotmail.com, thanks.

### A Correction from the Editor:

Due to technical difficulties last week beyond **The Chanticleer's** control, a congratulatory advertisement placed with **The Chanticleer**, by the Panhellenic Council, was distorted leaving out important information vital to the substance of the advertisement. **The Chanticleer** apologizes to the people who were left off the list of outstanding "Greek" GPAs. The list is as follows: Congratulations to the following Greek member students who

achieved a 3.5 or higher GPA for the Fall 1999 semester:

### 4.0 Achievers:

#### AOPI

- Carrie Thompson
- Ginny Wright
- **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
- J. Rusty Hughes
- Ryan L. Parr
- Wesley R. Seay
- William G. Weaver
- **Zeta Tau Alpha**
- Michelle Bowen
- Lisa S. Hunter
- Bethany A. Vinson

### 3.5 or Higher

#### Kappa Alpha

- James A. Creel
- Clint H. Kirkland
- R. Brandon Lewis

### • Austin C. Bender Kappa Sigma

- Andrew D. Laughlin
- Brandon E. Maye
- **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
- Jeremiah D. Peck
- Clinton T. Thomas
- Mark A. Thomas
- **Zeta Tau Alpha**
- Meredith L. Barnes
- Allison N. Eason
- Nancy L. Gilmer
- Amanda D. Laughlin
- Amanda D. Pope
- Kelly E. Rhinehart
- **Jaime B. Rotters**
- C. Elizabeth Webb
- Jaime M. Whatley
- R. Jill Henderson
- Emily Williams

## JSU Area Events Calendar: March 2 - 10

Thurs 2	Fri 3	Sat 4 / Sun 5	Mon 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time Management Seminar, 3-4 p.m. at the Gamecock Center</li> <li>• Women's Basketball at 7 p.m., Gamecocks host Mercer</li> <li>• CBASE Exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Concert: @ 7:30 p.m. Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble @ Stone Center</li> <li>• Men's and Women's Tennis Match: Gamecocks host Campbell University @ 1:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Baseball Game: @ 2 p.m., Gamecocks host Siena Heights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encore! Spring Concert @ Stone Center @ 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Men's and Women's Tennis: Gamecocks host Samford @ 9:30 a.m.</li> <li>• Women's Basketball: Lady Gamecocks host Troy State @ 2 p.m.</li> <li>• Baseball: Gamecocks host Siena Heights @ noon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Concert @ 2 p.m., Location: TBA</li> <li>• SGA Senate Meeting @ 6 p.m. @ Leone Cole Auditorium</li> <li>• Sexual Orientation Issues Seminar @ 3 p.m. @ The Gamecock Center</li> <li>• Heritage Exhibition @ 3 p.m. @ Anders Roundhouse</li> <li>• Traffic Appeals Court @ 4:30 p.m. @ TMB</li> </ul>
Cast a vote for the 2000/2001 SGA Elections, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.			
Tues 7	Wed 8	Thurs 9	Fri 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SGA Spring Elections from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. @ TMB</li> <li>• Nancy Skelos Exhibition: Opening Reception @ 7 p.m. @ Hammond Hall Gallery</li> <li>• Women's Tennis: Lady Gamecocks host Delta State @ 1 p.m.</li> <li>• "Big Man on Campus" Talent Competition @ 8 p.m. @ Leone Cole Auditorium</li> <li>• International Movie @ 7 p.m. @ Houston Cole Library</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SGA Spring Elections from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. @ TMB</li> <li>• Men's and Women's Tennis: Gamecocks host Belmont @ 1 &amp; 3 p.m.</li> <li>• Improving Studies Workshop Skills @ 1:30 p.m. @ Anders Roundhouse</li> <li>• Gallery Talk: Nancy Skelos @ 10 a.m. @ Hammond Hall gallery</li> <li>• International Speaker @ 7 p.m. @ Houston Cole Library</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SGA's Karaoke in the Cafe @ 5 p.m. @ TMB</li> <li>• Spring Career Fair @ Merrill Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.</li> <li>• International House Event @ 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Softball: Gamecocks host Radford @ 3 p.m.</li> </ul>	

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# SGA elections rapidly approach an apathetic student body

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Fraternity and sorority members have always made their presence felt in the SGA, as well as the student senate. According to Casey, about 50 percent of the student senate is Greek, compared to three out of five members of the SGA who are Greeks. Humes, who is not a member of a fraternity, said he tries to plan activities for all JSU students.

The SGA, once known for bringing high quality entertainment to Jacksonville eons ago, has fallen by the wayside as of late, thanks to a small budget. While there are currently no plans to bring a spring concert to JSU this year, we get the opportunity to see those legends of the basketball world, The Harlem Globetrotters. "The reason why we're having The Harlem Globetrotters instead of a concert is, it doesn't cost us anything," said Casey.

One of the big problems the SGA encounters on a yearly basis is finding events that will suit the entertainment needs of all students. However, Casey, Webb and Humes agree that it is sometimes hard to do with a yearly budget of only \$45,000.

One solution to this dilemma would be the inclusion of a yearly student activities fee. However, all agree the fee would serve as a double-edged sword. It "has been something that [the school] has not been in support of," said Casey. The big problem with implementing the fee would be with the non-traditional students, who would not be on cam-

pus or possibly interested in attending those events, according to Webb.

When asked about the fee, President Meehan encouraged a general student vote on the issue. However, part of President Meehan's plan is to decrease all unnecessary fees for all students, decreasing the tuition rate.

"Our budget is ok, but it could use a lot more work," said Humes. "If we had more money, we could put on more events and larger events."

There are "great benefits" to being part of the SGA, according to Webb. Some of those benefits are a scholarship for the president, as well as 1st and 2nd vice presidents, which cover full tuition for a year of school. The same officers also get the luxury of parking in the "blue" parking spaces around campus. They also get paid.

"We have a lot of power here," said Webb. "When we ask for something we usually get it."

Humes, who has been 2nd vice president this year, will get another crack at the job next year after running unopposed. "It's like the Peace Corps," said Humes. "It's the hardest job you'll ever love."

Part of that hard work as of late has been getting students motivated to come to SGA events. "It's real hard to figure out what students want," said Casey. "I don't know if they're apathetic or if we just expect more out of them. Some days I think we're apathetic, and other days I think we're ready to go."

Humes said the best way to decrease the apathy at JSU is to appeal to incoming freshmen. Humes said the sooner the SGA can get them involved as freshmen, they'll be more likely to attend more events.

"We have a very apathetic campus," said Webb. "It's not our fault. It's hard to get the campus motivated."

However, the SGA has been making efforts to get the students more involved. The latest SGA resolution calls for a new student section at Paul Snow Stadium. Currently, "SGA members are not required to go to football and basketball games," said Casey.

"They [SGA] could do more stuff, but it's not very established," said Supreme Allah, a pre-business freshman at JSU. "They might do one thing a semester or something, but they need to be more involved."

"No one has the right to complain about the student government unless they get out and vote and get involved," said President Meehan. "If you want to get the bang for your buck, get involved."

# 'Big Man on Campus' prides sorority's cause

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risk than others. Education is the key to making people aware of those risk factors. ZTA nationally donates over one million dollars to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation each year in order to help promote awareness. Giving out shower cards as reminders for women to do self exams and giving out pink ribbons during October, which is breast cancer awareness month, are two of the annual education programs that ZTA nationally performs. JSU Zeta's participate in both of these programs.

Admission at the door for BMOC is \$1 and all the proceeds will go toward breast cancer awareness. Door prizes will be given away throughout the pro-

gram, including prizes from Cecil's, The Rocket, Jacksonville Tan, and Hidden Treasures.

The top three winners will each receive prizes. The prizes include a membership to The Brick House fitness center, a 18-hole round of golf from Pine Hill golf course, and a cash award.

There is a \$25 entry fee for each contestant or group of contestants. The contestant(s) may be sponsored by an organization and must fill out and entry form. Any full-time male student is eligible for entry. The deadline for entry is March 6. For more information or an application for entry, please call Stacy Cross at 782-6199 or Andie Cox at 435-4303.

## JSUPD catches culprits with \$750 phone bill

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is known, it can be accessed anywhere on campus.

The band room's access code was cancelled at the switchboard almost immediately. A new code was given the following day. UPD was contacted and given the case.

"It was a matter of tracking back to the phone where they were using the code," said Fairleigh.

The calls were made "between the hours of ten and two in the morning," according to Gaither. "Ninety-nine percent of the calls were made somewhere within the state of Alabama."

"Once I confronted them, they freely admitted up to it (the phone calls)," he said.

The students thought there was no "wrong doing" by using the

department's code. Neither of the students had a "prior history of doing anything wrong," Gaither said, and were given the "benefit of the doubt."

Both students agreed to reimburse the university. However, if the students decide they don't want to pay restitution, the university still has the option of pressing charges.

A similar situation happened about five or six years ago, recalled Fairleigh. The calls, made to Shrieveport, La., had been charged to the department and had been made by someone who worked in the Jack Hopper Dining Hall.

The students involved in making the calls were not associated with the band, according to Gaither.

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# New organization at JSU uses business sense to aid community

**SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) aim to help Latin community with financial security**

By Amanda Voss  
Staff Writer

A new JSU organization, SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) is creating many opportunities for students and providing much needed services for the community.

JSU has had this enterprising, humanitarian organization for only two years and already the university and community is profiting from a multitude of benefits. "There aren't many programs that focus on helping the Hispanic community in this area and that's why we're trying to inform fellow Latinos," said SIFE member Cesar Borges.

Although the installation of the SIFE office at JSU has been a recent development, it is an international organization with offices in six other countries, as well as in the U.S.

The purpose of SIFE is to educate groups

of people in the area of free enterprise. This year's project is focused on blue-collar workers in the Hispanic community. The students that are involved are coming up with creative techniques to help promote racial integration and to provide Hispanics with the information they need to be able to achieve financial security.

"We want to help Latinos realize that they can invest their money in more profitable ways. It's important that they fully understand financial terms such as inflation, interest rates, mutual funds and the importance of good credit," said Borges.

They will also be teaching American culture, including explaining U.S. holidays, and the importance of adjusting to this culture and respecting it.

In addition to helping this sector of the community understand American tradition,

the students will be assisting in teaching basic tax laws and basic English that is necessary to use places like the bank, grocery store, to read road signs, etc. This diffusion of knowledge will not only benefit the sector of Hispanic immigrants, but the entire community will profit from this project as well.

JSU's SIFE organization welcomes any ideas that students or the community are willing to share. Also, SIFE is happy to extend its assistance and hard work to anyone who might be in need of their services for research or any other project. Free

help isn't easily found today, but that is exactly what this organization is providing.

The students involved also receive many employment opportunities at the job fair held after the regional and national competitions. The CEO's from over 100 companies, who provide monetary support to the

organization, hold interviews to fill their open job positions. Also, a copy of the students' resumes will be sent to all SIFE offices to be reviewed and kept on file, creating a resume bank for employers to use whenever hiring.

The winners of the competition bring money and a trophy back to their university. The money goes to the following year's SIFE project.

This year the students participating are: Johanna Quintero, Matias Camazzote, Joe Castillo and Cesar Borges. The organization is meeting with the Hispanic Community of Saint James Catholic Church in Gadsden on Sunday nights after mass. "We also want to reach many other Hispanic communities. We hope that the Hispanic community is willing to participate in the services that we want to provide," said Johanna Quintero.

It is not too late to join the organization. They compete in regionals on April 14, which will be held in Atlanta, Ga. Any students from any major are urged to join. If you are interested, call Dr. Doris Bennett in the Business Dept. at 782-5505, or contact Dr. Cynthia McCarty at 782-5777.

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# Five reasons to get out of the house

By Kevin Cole  
Features Editor

Two bands revisit and a local favorite is resurrected this week in Jacksonville.

Thursday at Brothers, Atlanta based Heritage Cherry returns bringing their classic blend of roots/bluegrass/soul. "Their sound is reminiscent of 'The Band' with a female lead singer. Lead singer Shannon Tanner is admired by some in town for more than just her voice.

On Friday night The Thompson Brothers Band returns for a full

show. If you didn't get a chance to see them the last time they came through town, take full advantage of this opportunity. This is a band that is a prime example of roots-rock. They do it all and they do it well.

Across the street at the Retro, a rekindled "Lucy's Attic" returns with new guitarist Danny Lackey, formally of the Bucks. "From what I've heard, it's a whole new sound for 'Lucy's Attic' and people should be excited to go see them," said Jason Boozeman, 92-J

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DROP EVERYTHING: Something 5 to appear at Brothers March 9.



## Local Scene

3/2/00 Heritage Cherry--Brothers  
3/3/00 Thompson Brothers Band--  
Brothers  
3/9/00 Something 5 & Flair--Brothers  
3/11/00 Uncle Boogie--Brothers  
3/15/00 Sweet Pea's Revenge--Brothers  
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3/2/00 Morrissey--Tabernacle  
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3/7/00 Queensryche--Tabernacle  
3/8/00 Yahoo! Out Loud Festival feat.  
Luscious Jackson and Smash Mouth--  
Tabernacle  
3/9/00 Lee Rocker--Star Bar  
3/11/00 Martina McBride--Atlanta  
Motor Speedway

# Stern uses airwaves to find bride, Playboy model front runner



**STERN WANTS YOU:** Recently single Howard Stern is looking for a bride.

By David Hinckley  
Knight-Ridder Tribune

When Howard Stern and wife Alison separated last October, the front door had barely closed behind him when he told the 10 million

people in his national radio audience where they could expect this new drama to go from here.

"All broads please call," he said as opened his show on Monday, Oct. 25, the first program after the separation was announced. "If

you'd just form a line outside the studio, I'd appreciate it."

Getting a woman for the 46-year-old Stern has been a major theme of the show ever since. But he has been taking his sweet time doing anything about it.

Despite a barrage of call-in volunteers and suggestions from his helpful in-studio posse of Robin Quivers, Gary Dell'Abate, Jackie Martling and Stuttering John, it was seven weeks before Stern identified a woman he said he would actually like to date — Playboy model Angie Everhart. But since she sat on his lap for a few deep kisses on the Jan. 10 show, there's been more talk than action.

The one night she said she was free, after his birthday show on Jan. 21, he said he was seeing his kids that night.

On the Jan. 31 show, after the Globe reported she and Stern actu-

ally had gone out for a date — and he had bored her to death by pulling out pictures of his kids — they both called the story a pack of lies.

It's not that getting a girl for Howard has taken over the show, which is still rooted in Stern's other doings and his often-screwed assortment of guests, listeners and callers. But among the new running themes is a debate about whether producer Dell'Abate should set up auditions — say by bringing in models Stern thinks look good in catalogues or magazines. Babe roundups are not uncommon in showbiz — it was one of the duties of Elvis' Memphis Mafia — but Stern has so far declined to sign off on it.

Last week he talked with comedian David Brenner about meeting women, and Brenner said calling attractive women's agents used to

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Oasis-Standing on the Shoulder of  
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Bloodhound Gang-Hooray for  
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## March 7

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Night  
Violent Femmes-Freak Magnet  
Black Rob-Life Story  
Jungle Brothers-V.I.P.  
Gerald Levert-G  
The Mekons-Journey To the end  
of the Night



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Thank You,  
The Editorial Staff

## •Forum•

Dear Editor

In February 24's edition of *The Chanticleer* Jason Bozeman had a complaint with the students for not supporting some of the bands gracing our fair city. Erik Green had a complaint with our students' lack of enthusiasm for sporting events. In Erik's article he asked, "Do all but 500 people go home on the weekends?" The answer to that question is, YES! The sad truth is most of the students at JSU aren't mature enough to handle the real world, so they go running home to mommy and daddy every chance they get. To these people I say, "People, Jacksonville really isn't that bad of a place if you'll just give it a chance."

I knew JSU had a reputation for being a suitcase college when I chose to come here, but this is ridiculous. Are we college students or are we toddlers! I encourage everyone to stay in town and cut the cord. I'm not asking everyone to never see their parents again because even I go home for Christmas. Besides, this one small request I have is for your own good (well, maybe both of ours); college is more than academics, books, and classes. College is a time to learn social skills, how to survive on your own, and how to live with day-to-day real world occurrences. If you keep going home you'll never learn these skills, and you'll end up living with your parents until you're 60.

I've heard all your excuses and gripes. "I have to go home to get money." Get a job. "I have to go work back home." Get a job in Jacksonville. "I have to go see my significant other." Get a significant other in Jacksonville (this falls under those social skills I

# The Town

## A WEEKLY editorial: Parents and religion: a Sunday burden?

By Dave Sharp

I was having dinner with a few people the other night. As dinner conversations usually do, one of the common topics of discussion (sex, politics, entertainment, religion or sports) was sure to rear its ugly head. We chose religion.

The other members of the dinner party were raised Catholic, and I, Southern Baptist. As the minority at the table, I kept quiet and listened to their recount of dysfunctional, religious experiences (Note to Catholics: before you begin a letter-writing campaign, this isn't a crucifixion of your faith. Please read on).

When I was a child, I always thought I had it bad with a semi-overbearing, "newly reborn" parent who floated into my bedroom every Sunday morning, humming gospel hymns and telling me my weekly appointment with God was rapidly approaching. I guess no matter how bad you think you have it, somebody down the street is usually severely worse off.

I believe my companions could agree they had been long since turned off by Catholicism, not God or Christianity mind you, just the denomination, because of the way it was presented to them by their devout/fanatical parents. I could also assume the three held a degree of bitterness toward a parent or two, and perhaps rightfully so.

I know I don't agree with the way my own mother handled her interpretation of how religion should play a role in my life. Sitting in Sunday school, I dreaded every moment because I knew the service was coming. I disliked church service for two reasons. One, I was too young to comprehend what the man behind the pedestal was saying (it's ridiculous for anyone under the age of 13 to sit through a service, they're not getting it!), and two, the incessant prodding of my mother's index finger



was about to find its way to my ribcage persuading me to walk before hundreds of people I didn't know and publicly give myself to Jesus Christ. It was, to say the least, a nightmare.

The Sunday finally came when I took my first steps to the 'Promised Land.' I wouldn't say it was a divine power that raised me out of the pew, but rather a wish that the nagging and ridicule would end. I would be submersed in the baptismal, lukewarm, pool of heavenly, sin-dissolving water and I could get on with my childhood.

The day, to me now, is vivid in parts, vague in others. It was spring. I think it was April (I know it was written down in my Bible). I know the sun was high in the sky. I can tell you exactly where my family was sitting in the church. I remember what I was wearing. I can't tell you what I had to eat. I can't tell you if my peers congratulated me.

It was 'that time' of the service and, almost as if it were in slow motion, the finger was launched from my mother's lap on its routine search-and-destroy mission. I think I surprised her when I jumped up, avoiding the mushroom cloud of guilt, and grabbed my little sister's hand, pulling her with me down the aisle. I

don't remember if she wanted to go with me or if I was saving her from enduring a similar, weekly ritual.

We walked. We prayed. We were dunked that night at Sunday evening service. But oddly enough, I didn't feel any different (I can't speak for my sister). I didn't have an insatiable urge to decipher the verse in my King James Bible. Sermons were still boring and senseless. And I didn't turn into 'Super Christian.' I was still the plain, young kid who wanted to sleep late on a non-school day.

I don't want to paint a poor portrait of my mother. She is one of the most important people in my life, and always has been/will be. I should also note that this isn't a "one-in-a-million case" that should be laughed off with its alleged irregularity in society (four out of four diners agree). She just went about a very important thing a very wrong way, as many parents do. I think my companions shared this feeling of disdain.

You can't force something on an individual that should be embraced with the utmost of consideration. History has proven that. Religion and God are very personal issues for the individual, not the individual and his or her parents.

Yes, parents should be spiritual leaders, among other things, for their children. But at the same time, they should understand their children will have to accept religion for themselves someday, not because Mommy and Daddy command it.

Good parental judgment is sometimes passed by when dealing with the social angst and political hierarchy of a church and its congregation. Domineering, strict instruction is a very poor way to introduce your child to something that might one day be so important in their lives.

## •Forum•

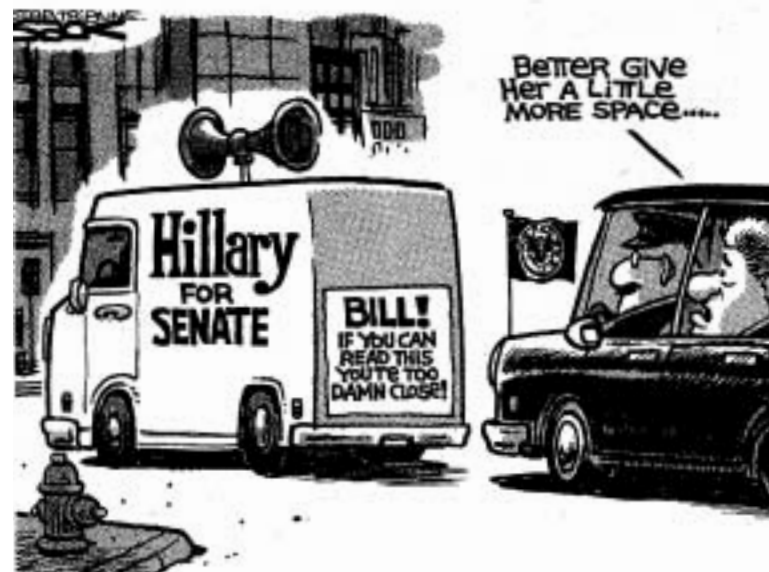
Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Anthony Hill and Kevin Cole for their editorial "Two Sides With the Same Story." It was well spoken and well written. It was a pleasure to read such a meaningful and thought-provoking article. Please continue to give your readers more of these types of articles and less of the meaningless, moronic beefs about things like the Hardee's yellow star.

Randal Wood, J.D.  
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

mentioned earlier). But by far, the most common excuse I hear is "Jacksonville is so boring. There's never anything to do here." Well hell people, that's because you all leave. Ever hear of safety in numbers? Same principle. Go Greek, join a club, play sports. Just don't give up and run away back home. I know we have at least two students who have stuff to do here and felt so strongly about it that they wrote an article/letter inviting you to join them. So get off your ass! Go see a basketball game. Then go over to Brother's, drink a beer, socialize, and listen to a good band.

Chris Betzler



# Orier



## A DAILY It's all Greek to me beef:

By Rufus Manley

I sat removed from the rest of the class—"I'd rather be digging ditches." After the treetops and the "tick, tick followed by that bump" that found me through the third story window became boring, I looked past my books and toward the desk. Scribbled all over my desk were the acronyms of various Greek organizations. As an independent, I felt it necessary to scribble my phrase, just to let the Greeks know that there are others who walk among them: [My "profound inanity," as Christopher Lauer called it, will have to remain just graffiti. For in his editing duties, Mr. Lauer suggested that I "tone it down."]

A week or so later, I found myself in the same desk, following the same routine. This time, when I looked at my desk, it was absent of funky symbols, yet I saw the remains of my phrase restored. Some other independent's apathy gave way to loathing.

Apathy, JSU's overriding theme, is killing democracy. The SGA elections will be held next Thursday, but it doesn't even matter; they have already been chosen. No, it's not the great "Machine" of UA, or some conspiracy, it's the lack of candidates. The SGA President and 1st and 2nd vice presidents are running unopposed. You can still vote, but you have only one candidate from which to choose.

The recent SGA (3 of 5 officers are Greek) has brought such great things to this campus in the past year: the Christian comedian Chocolate, everyone's favorite Casino night, the Coffee House style poetry reading, every



college kid's faaavorite Harlem 'Glob'trotters (March 19), a resolution suggesting a designated place for students to sit at football games (as if they actually go. Shouldn't that be first on the list of priorities-finding a way to make students attend games?), and, of course, the great Greek hullabaloo we Romans refer to as Homecoming (from now on, I will call independents Romans, for the Romans defeated and enslaved the Greeks).

I feel as though the SGA has exhausted its mental resources by brainstorming and bringing such great things to JSU. Someone, who is concerned with the average, everyday student, whether traditional or non, Greek or Roman, should step up and relieve these tunnel-envisioned socialites of their pathetic attempts, and bring something truly great to this university, something that will sell-out, something that will make money, something that will bring people to Jacksonville, some-

thing that will make students stay in Jacksonville.

But it's too late for that this year, and next year is bound to be a repeat of the present SGA's lackluster performance of student governing. So what I, Rufus "Roman" Manley, propose is a little heel-nipping.

### Step 1: Vote

Even though the candidates are unopposed, write Roman on the ballot. Write Roman just to let them know that we won't put up with anymore of their Frat-guy wanna-be hippie mentality (Hello? You can't be both. The Writ of Hippiedom strictly forbids the allegiance to any such organization [Article 9, Section 4]). Write Roman to let them know that we won't put up with anymore of their giggly, bow-headed sorority ditz. Write Roman just to let the Greeks and the SGA know that there is an independent force to be reckoned with.

### Step 2: Pay Attention

Get involved. Attend SGA meetings. Walk into the SGA office (4th floor TMB) and make your opinions known. They have to listen; that's their job. And heaven forbid, if the SGA does something good, give them credit.

### And finally, Step 3:

When some drunken frat-guy kills me for this, burn an effigy of me at Homecoming.

Coup day SGA!! Coup day fra-ter-gnat-tay!!

Rise Romans, Rise!!



## the PULSE

"What would you like to see the SGA do for you next year?"



Lance Bruce  
Senior

"Perform [censored]."



Jennifer Cumbie, Leslie  
Perkins and Emily Williams  
Junior, Freshmen

"Have a concert."



Jill Henderson  
Freshman

"A big spring jam on the quad."



Joel Lamp  
Senior

"Less blue parking, more bike racks!"



Sam Wallace  
Senior

"Send me a postcard."



## SPECIAL FEATURES REPORT



Story and Photos by: Kevin Cole, Features Editor

**T**he sounds of swords clashing, shields rattling and armor clanking resonate as children frolic on merry-go-rounds. Some one shouts "good hit" and a few feet over, soccer player's gaze in wonderment. What seems like a typical scene in a 20th century local park, is contrasted by men in armor strolling around catching their breath, lighting a cigar and adjusting their armor. These men are training for later battles, honing their skills as medieval swordsmen so they can later defend a lady's honor. One man catches his breath after a few rounds

of swordplay. He says he's a bit tired. He's been working overtime at the Anniston Army Depot.

The 1600's aren't what they used to be. It's not enough to be a squire. Now you have to pay bills, fix the car and work on wood carvings on your own time. Next thing you know, feudalism will be out the window and chivalry will be a

thing of the past.

These men and women are apart of a group that preserves the Middle Age culture, arts and crafts. The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an organization aimed at researching and recreating the Middle Ages in modern times. This non-profit organization is similar to a Civil War or Revolutionary War re-enactment group. The SCA does everything from medieval dance, woodworking and armor making to brewing their own beer.

Jacksonville's SCA group is called The Shier of Peregrine. A Shier is a small SCA group, which has a 45 mile radius. The shier is part of a larger group called a Barony. Jacksonville is under the Barony of Iron Mountain, which is Birmingham. They have a hundred mile radius. All of the southern Baronies and Shiers are in the Kingdom of Meridies. This includes almost all of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, most of Arkansas, Tennessee, a bit of the panhandle of Florida and small portions of both Kentucky and Virginia.

The Jacksonville group is currently lead by Seneschal Lord William Cormac Britt, a.k.a. Jerry Lewallen. "Usually there is something going on in our kingdom every weekend," said Lewallen. "Starting around about this time, the events become more plentiful." The group meets every Thursday



*Right:* If you get hit in the legs by your opponent you're forced to fight from your knees.

*Below:* Chivalry still exists, or at least in the SCA. *Left:* Squire MacSteen, finds that a cigar is better after battle.





Left: The SCA trains using medieval fighting techniques. Defensive strategy sometimes is to your advantage. Below: Lord William Cormac is willing to help where help is needed. Below Right: Lord Cormac displays a thrust. Below Left: A head shot can be your death in this fencing match.



at 7 p.m. at JSU's Anders Roundhouse. The third Thursday of every month they have a class in which they bring someone in to teach an art form. "A couple of months ago we had a class on just giving demos," said Lewallen. "We teach things other than fighting," said Lord Edward of the Slightly Confused, a.k.a. John Hancock. "We teach dance, arts and sciences, medieval craft...we cover basically everything but religion."

"We do local charities. We do Oxfordfest every October," said Lewallen. "We try to recreate the art of chivalry, kindness and courteousness of the Middle Ages."

Sunday afternoons they transform a small section of the park adjacent to the Fruit of the Loom factory, in Jacksonville, into a medieval training ground. They hold fighting practices to help keep their warriors on their steel toes.

Fighting is only one side of the group's activities but it's one of the most attractive. Unlike Civil War reenactments, the battles they participate in are not recreations. They actually fight with a certain set of guidelines. Therefore you never know who is going to be the victor.

Using wooden (rattan) swords and replica armor of the medieval era, they battle with medieval fighting techniques. Using an honor system, they attack and

defend, trying to find weaknesses. A headshot or direct hit that would be fatal is a kill. A blow to the arm or legs renders the recipient handicapped. They have to fight from their knees if hit in the legs, and use only one arm if a direct hit catches them in the other arm.

The largest war in the Southeast is called Gulf Wars, where you can expect to see nearly one thousand warriors on each side, said MacSteen,

a.k.a. Michael Steen. It's a meeting spot between the Western Kingdom and the Southern Kingdom at our most Western border. The largest battle is held in Pennsylvania where you can see 10,000 men on each side, according to Steen.

Another weapon used in the warfare is the bow and arrow. Archers are used in battle as well as crossbow-men. Using padded arrows and bolts, they make a Middle Age battle scene as authentic as you can get.

"You'll never appreciate the sound of an arrow until you hear them coming at you in groups of sixty," said Steen.

The major battles are weekend events that bring SCA members from all over. After a day of fighting you can see groups of people around campfires singing medieval songs, according to Steen. It's the kind of place where you can leave your wallet

sitting on a table and when you come back it won't only be there, but someone might be standing guard over it.

It is said if you're interested in a subject in the Middle Ages somewhere in the SCA there is an expert. If you would like to go to an event, there will be a large 20th Anniversary Celebration in Cullman on the last weekend in March. If you would like to check it out, you can contact the group at [www.meridies.org](http://www.meridies.org), the Kingdom's site.

If you would like to get involved with the group, they meet every Thursday at the Roundhouse, or check out one of their fighting practices on Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. next to the Fruit of the Loom factory.





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## Real News

### Turning elephant's excrement into energy

BANGKOK, Thailand - Thai researchers say they have succeeded in generating electricity from natural gas derived from elephant dung. A spokeswoman from the Ministry of Science's Bureau of Energy Development and Promotion said that a project begun in August last year has been developing ways of using elephant excrement as a low-cost and environmental friendly source of energy. The researchers found that when the excrement is fermented, it can produce natural gas suitable for use as cooking gas or feedstock for an electric generator. An elephant produces 88 to 110 pounds of excrement a day - enough to produce cooking gas for a family of two or three, according to the ministry.

### Ostrich on the run

LOGAN, Utah - This was one ostrich that didn't stick its head in the sand. Authorities spent four hours chasing the 450-pound bird after it escaped from a pen. "It just kept running back towards the highway," Sheriff's Lt. Kim Cheshire said. Attempts to lasso the bird failed, as did attempts to disorient it with a bean bag gun usually used to stun

people. Even tackling the bird didn't work. Finally, the ostrich stumbled while running through a ditch, giving the wranglers an opportunity to pounce. The frightened bird was returned to its pen, and no injuries were reported.

### House hoist a mystery

MARTINEZ, Ga. - A man who purchased a log cabin made in the 1830s thought he was getting a new vacation home. Now he's searching for it piece by piece. John Rhoads bought the \$10,300 house in Spartanburg, S.C., and had it disassembled so the cabin could be transported to his farm in Martinez. There were 40 to 75 logs taken, some of which were up to 20 feet long, and Rhoads told police that the only way the house could have been removed from the remote property was log by log. A sheriff said it was the first time he had investigated the theft of a home. "This is rather unique," he said. "This is just a true testament that anything is possible."

### Food, medical supplies... and the Internet

LANESBORO, Mass. - These days, a developing country needs more than better irrigation tools and dental clinics. It might need good Internet access, too. At least that's what a computer wonk from western Massachusetts believes. Ethan Zuckerman is helping to establish a sort of Peace Corps for

volunteer techies. "Right now, I'm enough of a believer that I can believe there could be a burgeoning Net economy in West Africa in the next five years," he said. Zuckerman, 27, has taken the helm of Geekcorps to pick and train volunteers and launch the pilot program in Africa.

### Helping man's best friend

NOCKAMIXON, Pa. - Just like humans, man's best friend also sometimes needs blood transfusions. "The first thing people usually say to me is they never realized dogs needed transfusions," said Donna Oakley, whose dog bloodmobile stopped in this Philadelphia suburb over the weekend. "The second thing, they ask how they can help. It's amazing how receptive people are." Potential doggie donors are tested to make sure they don't have any infectious diseases. Candidates also must be more than 50 pounds, between 1 and 8 years old and up to date on their vaccinations.

### Lucky win turns into legal battle

DOVER, Del. - A lucky golf shot has turned into a legal headache for a Pike Creek man and a local car dealership. Last October, Kevin O'Neill, 31, hit a hole-in-one during a tournament at Maple Dale Country Club, winning what seemed a sweet prize: the keys to a \$33,000 Lincoln Continental. But four months later, O'Neill still doesn't have the

car. He has filed a lawsuit against the dealership for breach of contract. The dealer says it was all a big misunderstanding and that the dealership would use an insurance policy to foot the bill for a two-year lease. O'Neill said he sued because the whole thing just seemed unfair. "It ruined the whole fun of it," he said.

### Firefighter arrested for noshing nude

NEW YORK - Restaurant owners trying to figure out who was stealing their stock installed video cameras to catch the thief - and made a startling discovery. They allegedly caught their landlord, a city firefighter, downing expensive food and wine in the place after hours - in the nude. Albert Hohmann has been suspended without pay after being arrested on charges including burglary, petty larceny and criminal mischief, a fire department spokesman said. Hohmann, 46, lives on the second floor of the house he leases to the Tottenville Inn. Michelle Macula, a partner in the restaurant, said surveillance tapes recorded after business hours caught him in the act. "We saw him just walking around naked," she said. "He went behind the bar and made himself a drink."

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3. What Texas city claims the most restaurants, bars and movie screens per person in America?
4. How many sharks are killed by humans for every person attacked by one?
5. What state celebrates Martin Luther King Day and Robert E. Lee Day on January 21?
6. What underground explosives kill or injure 2,000 people around the world every month?
7. How many years did the average ancient Roman live—22, 32, or 42?
8. What late punk rocker hailed taxis with his middle finger?
9. How many of every 10 lawyers in the world were practicing in the U.S., in 1992?
10. What baby girl was born February 23, 10,000 B.C.?
11. What psychoactive plant was used to make the paper for Thomas Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence?
12. What country has the highest teen pregnancy rate of all the western industrial nations?
13. What doctor came to court dressed as Thomas Jefferson, who was also thought to favor helping the terminally ill commit suicide?
14. What animal supplies what's called "fragrant meat" in Chinese eateries?
15. What bandleader's museum houses the world's largest champagne glass?

10. Pebbles	Frankenstien
11. Hemp	Spanish
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Dave  
Sharp

Editor

# 'Games' a misfire



Ben Affleck braves a rough rabble in "Reindeer Games."

Some of you will love "Reindeer Games." You'll be the same people that liked "Con Air" and were really impressed with Nick Cage's Southern accent.

John Frankenheimer's latest action/thriller misfire starring Ben Affleck, Charlize Theron and Gary Sinise is an example of everything that is wrong with out-of-touch directors who should have hung up their career with the last really good movie they did. Frankenheimer's was "The French Connection II (1975)."

In 'Games,' Affleck plays a recently sprung, ex-con that takes on the identity of his cellmate to cuddle up with Theron during the cold, Holiday season. His self-afflicted, mistaken identity gets him in trouble with Sinise who needs the imposter to pull off a risky casino robbery.

Affleck is now a prisoner to the brash gang and must use his wits to get himself through the robbery.

As action flicks go, 'Games' doesn't stack up with the rest of them. Its lackluster, stunt sequences are laughable and there is a feeble attempt at the climax to twist the plot as many times as possible to create a dumfounded audience.

Its effect is just plain dumb. Unless you can't write plot twists like M. Night Shyamalan (The Sixth Sense), its best to put down your pen.

Grade: D

# 'Cider House' rules!



Tobey Maguire finds his place in the world in "The Cider House Rules."

"The Cider House Rules" is one of the most touching stories put on film in a very long time. It is the story of an orphan at the edge of manhood (beautifully portrayed by Tobey Maguire) leaving his natural element to find himself in 1940's America.

Maguire is Homer Wells, an orphan "twice adopted and twice returned" to a picturesque, Maine countryside orphanage. As a child, he grows up in the care of Dr. Lark (Michael Caine), the orphanage's director and resident doctor. As an adolescent, he becomes the good doctor's apprentice, learning the art of baby delivery and abortions (abortions he refuses to perform).

Burdened with adult sized responsibilities most of his life, he is finally given the chance to leave his unwanted duties behind and explore his own dreams when Lark performs an abortion on a young woman (Charlize Theron). Theron and her boyfriend take Homer with them to the Coast, which Homer has never seen, and refers him to an apple orchard where he is hired on as an apple picker.

As an apple picker, he works alongside migrant farm workers (outstanding performances by Delroy Lindo and Erykah Badu) who teach him important lessons in life and show him what real burden can be. By the end of the movie, Homer realizes he has always known his place in the world and sets out to pursue his fate.

'Cider House' couples timeless, sensitive issues with great storytelling from novelist/screenwriter John Irving. This film is sure to be the first real classic of the millennium.

Grade: A



### In the theaters

3 Strikes

Foolproof

Reindeer Games

### March 3

Chain of Fools

Drowning Mona

What Planet Are You From?

### On video now

Random Hearts

Stigmata

The Best Man

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2. Stir of Echoes
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# Howard Stern's on-air search for new mate means even larger audience

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work for him. He added, however, that he made the calls himself.

When Robin Givens guested on the show last month, she indicated she was open to a date. But after subsequent discussion, Stern said they decided if they go out, it would just be as friends.

This around the same time he was telling a female caller who had volunteered for a date that she should forget it, because after a couple of months of separation, all he wanted was sex.

The Howard Stern Dating Game, in other words, is not looking like a sprint. It's looking like a marathon.

And purely as a radio strategy, that's looking brilliant.

On that same Oct. 25 show, Stern remarked at one point, "If anything good comes out of (the separation), it'll be a highly rated show."

He nailed that one. In New York, he averaged 7.6 percent of the radio audience last summer. In the fall, when the separation hit the headlines, he averaged 9 percent — an increase of 18 percent.

Therefore, not to sound callous, anything that helps maintain dramatic tension may help keep ratings high, and that's good for everyone — including Stern, whose contract expires in November and who has already cranked up his familiar refrain that he isn't sure he wants to do radio anymore.

On the other hand, Stern has also strongly suggested his hesitation about plunging into the dating world stems from his uncertainty about the relationship with Alison, to whom he has been married for 21 years and to whom he often said he expected to stay married for the rest of his life.

"I'm going through a tough situation," he said yesterday. "I don't want ... 900 women. I don't know what I want."

"He and Alison are human beings, and I

totally believe the breakup devastated him," says Chauncey Hayden, a sometime caller to Stern's show and host of a talk show on the Internet radio network eYada. "I think he was embarrassed and humiliated, after all the

things he'd said about their relationship over the years and in 'Private Parts.'

"So when you get to the point he seems to have reached with Angie Everhart, it's very complex. It would be for anyone. But in Howard's case, he's got to go on the radio and talk about it every day. I think you hear that in his voice."

Stern has called the separation "the worst thing I can imagine anyone having to go through." But while he often used to be graphic about his sex life with Alison, he has said very little about the details of the separation, calling it "a marital problem."

When a listener called last week to offer more advice than Stern thought he was qualified to give, he said, "Listen, you have no idea what's going on in my life. None."

"If there's a problem in his life, you know it will come out on the show," says Hayden. "But what he's giving us is the humor in it. That's what the show is about — turning tragedy into a laugh. When Alison had the miscarriage, that was a bad time, too, but he found humor in it. That's what he does."

Not that the Howard Stern Dating Game is a nonstop laugh. After Howard and Everhart did their wet kiss, longtime sidekick Quivers said she wasn't sure how to react, because she'd known Stern for 20 years and only ever seen him behave like that with one woman. Who was not Angie Everhart.

"The first time he goes on a date, the whole world will be there to watch," says Hayden. "I think that's one reason he's taking his time. But eventually he's just going to have to say, 'Screw it,' and go out anyway, and then let the story grow old."

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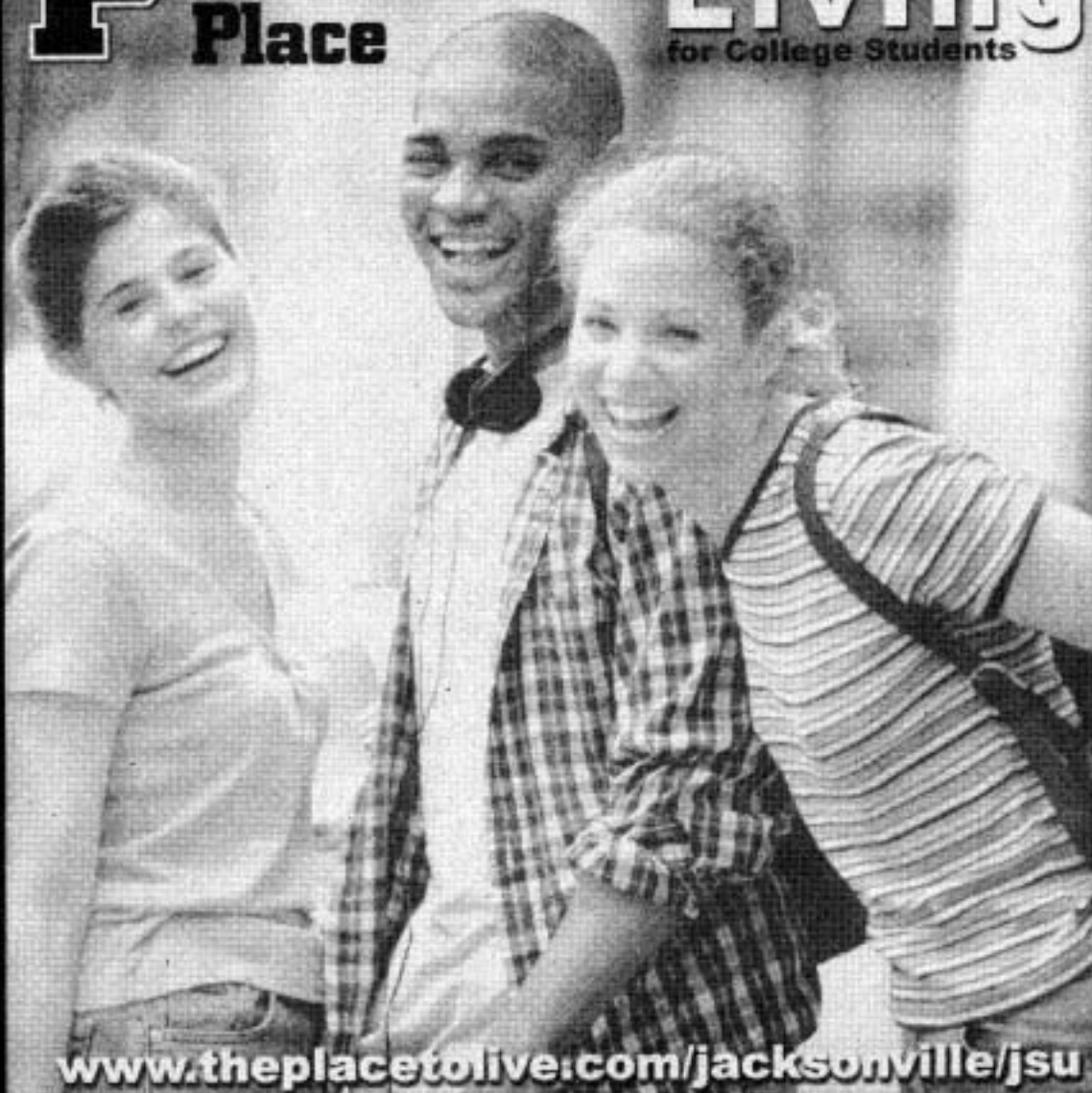
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## The Madd Rapper

### Tell em Why U Madd



A brief history lesson: the Madd Rapper made his name appearing on interludes on Bad Boy albums by Ma\$e, Puff Daddy and the LOX, comically harping that he was a great entertainer who wasn't getting the proper respect. Then Blaze magazine wrote about him, with an accompanying picture of Deric "D-Dot" Angelettie. Allegedly upset that his cover was blown, Angelettie allegedly traveled with some associates to the Blaze offices and attacked then-Editor in Chief Jesse Washington with an office chair.

A year later, with Bad Boy's sales in decline, the Madd Rapper's "Tell Em Why U Madd" has finally hit the streets. Given all that preceded its release, the album seems almost a footnote, a vanity project released just after the public ceased to care about either the Madd Rapper or Angelettie. In the time it took him drum up publicity for this album and then actually deliver it, the electro-funk of Swizz Beats and the Cash Money Millionaires had taken over the hip-hop charts,



leaving D-Dot's disco-party loops and haunted urban sounds in the "Whatever" bin of music.

The CD does contain some surprisingly good songs such as: "How We Do," an engaging stab at relevance with TMR and Puff Daddy exchanging boasts over a pulsing electro track; "Stir Crazy," featuring TMR and Eminem getting lyrically buck wild over a track that you would swear was from the Slim Shady LP but isn't; the R&B-laced "Ghetto," featuring Raekwon and Carl Thomas offering a somber urban vision; "Bongo Break," with Busta Rhymes busting in to shake the foundations; and finally, "How to Rob," starring upstart 50 Cent in a hilarious fantasy of sticking up music stars. (Which has gotten 50 Cent into a great deal of trouble with rapper, Ghostface Killah!)

Unfortunately, the rest of the album is too long and too out of date. How out of date? Ma\$e, who has retired from the rap biz and by all accounts is now living happily as a college student, pops up on "That's What's Happenin'" to lay some uninspired lyrics over a bubbly disco track that only serves to remind the listener of the Bad Boy blueprint and how it has been used to great effect in songs that are not this one.

After listening to this collection, we can now understand why the Madd Rapper should be mad-at himself, for failing to get his album out while the proverbial iron was hot. Timing is everything in the shady rap industry.

By Anthony Hill

## Noteworthy Not Worthy

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### Oasis

#### Standing on the Shoulder of Giants



During the mid 1990's, Oasis reigned as the undisputed poster boys for a stereotypical, VH1 Behind The Music rock-star behavior: drunken and drug-enhanced shenanigans, arrest and a battling-brother act that reminds me of Cain and Abel. (Between singer Liam and songwriter/guitarist Noel Gallagher).

Oasis became, of all things, a symbol of Britain's creative and economic rebirth. After a three-year hiatus highlighted by person-

al changes, marriages and children, the band began to realize what was important in their lives. "I think it's a phase that every band goes through, then all of a sudden you realize what you are in the band," said Noel Gallagher.

The collection kicks off with percussive, feedback-filled "F\*\*\*in' in the Bushes," a song that mixes tape loops and ambient noises into an instrumental format. During the band's time off, Noel linked up with the UNKLE and the

Chemical Brothers and you can hear what Carl Lackey of Slip Disc Music calls "Dance/Electronica" in the latest CD from Oasis. Longtime Oasis fans know that it's not just club culture that serves Noel's music; after all, the elder Gallagher has never met a Beatles riff he didn't want to steal. How can you hate him for that? It's kind of like dogging a rapper for sampling music.

If all Noel did was copy Abbey Road, it would be one thing, but he adds flair in the hook and melody. The lumbering "Gas Panic" has the paranoid, narrowing feel of a late night, drug-induced nervous breakdown, while the soaring "Where Did It All Go Wrong" finds Noel looking into the mirror and confronting himself with the dark side of life.

By Anthony Hill

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JSU Crack shots set for NCAA Tournament, See Below



Jill Wilcoxson shut down Tennessee State batters Wednesday afternoon.

## A lively, little infield extravaganza

### Softball team wins TAMUCC Tournament

By Erik Green  
Sports Editor

If the JSU softball team could be summed up in a phrase it would most likely be "kick much butt, take few names." And that is just exactly what they have done over the last few weeks.

Last Wednesday, the softball team made mince meat of Tennessee State in a double header 12-0 and 13-1. They didn't stop there. After a brief rest, the Lady Gamecocks made their way to Corpus Christi, Texas for a week-end of games at the Texas A&M

University-Corpus Christi Tournament and they stole the show.

In game one of the TAMUCC Tournament, Julie Boland and Allie Simons led JSU by driving in two runs each in the Lady Gamecocks 8-2 win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

JSU's Jill Wilcoxson allowed only four hits and one earned run over the seven-inning game to earn her fourth victory of the season.

Simons led JSU hitters by going 2-of-4 with two hits and two runs batted in. Boland was 1-of-3 with two RBI's.

In game two of the weekend tournament Meadow McWhorter was the big playmaker for the Lady Gamecocks. McWhorter was

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# UN-BE-LIEVABLE

Gamecock seniors end career with an amazing overtime win.

By Erik Green  
Sports Editor

Following Thursday's upsetting loss to Troy, the Gamecocks were back in gear Saturday to take on Mercer for the final home game of the season. The game was christened "Senior night," and it was a night the exiting players will likely remember above all others.

Troy ended the Gamecocks' hopes of clinching the regular season Trans America Athletic Conference Championship Thursday night. The Trojans came into Pete Mathews Coliseum, bombed a load of three's and walked away with the TAAC regular season title. The worn out Gamecocks seemed to be at the lowest point of the season following the loss. Players stood with their heads down and fans walked away in disgust.

Saturday, the Gamecocks were playing to keep from finishing fourth or fifth in the league. Mercer came into Jacksonville ready to bump the Gamecocks farther down the TAAC ladder, and for a while it looked like JSU would lose another heart breaker.

Mercer led the game from the beginning to the last few seconds

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Rashard Willie leaps past defenders during the Gamecocks win over Mercer.

## Rifle team finishes third in MARC Championship

By Erik Green  
Sports Editor

The JSU rifle team knows all about big time wins. After all, they are ranked 8th in the nation. That's the whole nation. This past weekend, the JSU shooters proved why they are ranked above most everyone else by finishing third in the very competitive Mid-Atlantic Rifle Conference (MARC) Championship.

JSU's Kelly Dove finished second overall in the individual competition, and first in the individual smallbore

rifle category. JSU's Stephanie Goeden finished fifth in the individual air rifle category. Goeden finished with a 388 in the air rifle and 1128 in the smallbore. Dove's aggregate (total) championship score in the small bore was and 1171. Dove shot a 386 in the smallbore.

As a team, the Gamecock shooters shot 4592 in the smallbore and 1529 in the air rifle for an aggregate score of 6121.

West Virginia claimed the team championship. The Mountaineers shot 4635 in the smallbore and 1550 in the

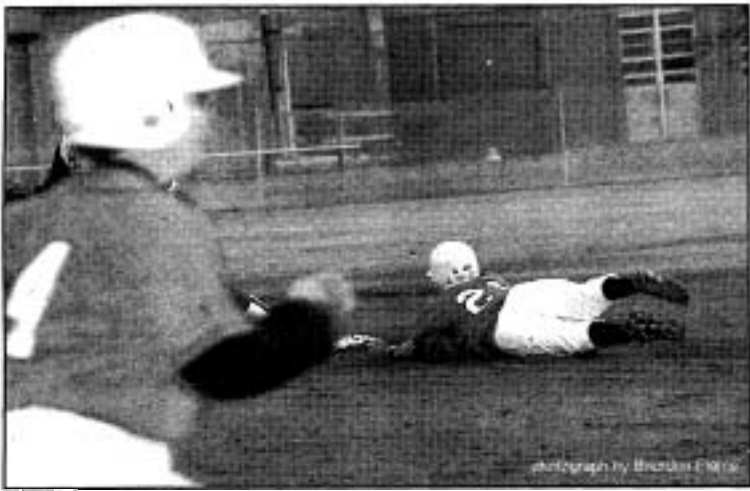
air rifle for a total of 6185.

Xavier University's Thrine Kane was the combined individual champion. Kane shot an 1171 in the smallbore and a 388 in the air rifle for a total of 1559.

Tommy Caranasos was the air rifle champion. Caranasos shot a 389 overall. He barely defeated teammate Cory Willis who shot a 389 as well, but Caranasos was one tenth of a point higher in the aggregate score.

The JSU rifle team will compete in the NCAA Rifle Championships from March 9-11 in Lexington, Va.





Tina Hill dives for second during the Lady Gamecocks win over Tennessee State

## Softball team continues to demolish opponents

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named as one of the Trans America Athletic Conference's Key Players of the Week following her sweeping performance against St. Johns on Saturday afternoon. McWhorter gave up only six hits in the Lady Gamecocks' 4-0 route of the Red Storm.

Tanya Carter joined Simons and Boland for another game of big hits. Boland put the first points on the board for JSU after hitting a two-run single in the bottom of the second inning. Simons and Carter each had run scoring singles in the fifth inning to seal the win for the Lady Gamecocks.

Carter, Boland, and Simons were 1-of-4 on the day. Boland had two RBI's.

In the fourth game of the tournament, the magic continued for the Lady Gamecocks.

Wilcoxson returned to pitch a three hitter in the Lady Gamecocks 6-1 win over St. Johns on Sunday morning. By the fifth inning, the Lady Gamecocks had a 6-0 lead, but in the bottom

of the fifth the Red Storm made their only run of the day.

Boland and Lauren Buck each had a pair of hits in the win. Boland and Buck went 2-of-4 in the game.

In the final game of the weekend, McWhorter and the Lady Gamecocks blistered the Islanders of TAMUCC 4-0 to claim the tournament title. McWhorter allowed only one hit in the Sunday afternoon contest.

TAMUCC's Rachel Mendez kept McWhorter from a hitless game in the top of the seventh inning after a double to left field. The Lady Gamecocks scored their first run in the third inning, and their other three in the bottom of the fourth. Maskel led JSU hitters by going 2-of-3 on the day. Christine Tucker and Tina Hill each contributed an RBI in the win.

The Lady Gamecocks are now 13-4 on the season. The softball team will face UAB on Thursday in Jacksonville. The game will begin at 4 p.m.

## Baseball team defeats Michigan, Xavier, Western Michigan

By Erik Green  
Sports Editor

Michigan, Xavier and Western Michigan are familiar names to most people, but this weekend, the name JSU rang clear and crisp in the ears of fans on hand at the Kennel Club Classic in Jacksonville, Fla. The Gamecocks defeated the University of Michigan 3-1 on Friday, Xavier University 2-1 on Saturday, and the University of Western Michigan 0-0 on Sunday.

Bill White and Joey Shiflett led the Gamecocks in the win over Michigan. The pitchers combined for an NCAA Division I record 21 strike-outs in the 3-1 win.

"This was our best game of the year so far," said JSU baseball coach Rudy Abbott. "Michigan has a great team. I think they have won the Big 10 two out of the last four seasons. It has been a long time since we had two guys pitch that strong in the same game."

Jason Nunn, Russell Harry, and Jason Moser had doubles in the win. Teammates Brandon Stripling and Tony Maniscalco each had a run batted in on the day.

Against Xavier, the Gamecock pitching staff returned for another stellar performance. Michael

Lindsey and Mike Mallonee gave up eight hits between them in JSU's 2-1 win over the X.

Lindsey allowed only four hits and one earned run in his six innings of work. Mallonee came in the game in the seventh inning and gave up only four hits to finish the contest.

"Lindsey was able to get ahead with a slider and curve ball early," Abbott said after the game. "Xavier was a great fastball-hitting team, and Lindsey was able to get ahead with the breaking ball."

The Gamecocks only points came off an error in the bottom of the fourth inning. With runners on second and third, Xavier's second baseman recovered a grounder and threw it away, causing both runners to score.

"We didn't do much with the bat," Abbot said. "We're not hitting the ball. We did not have an RBI in this game."

In the final game of the weekend series, the Gamecocks defeated Western Michigan 13-7.

The Gamecocks will host Siena Heights this weekend in two days of double headers. The Friday games begin at 2 p.m. and Saturday's games start at noon.

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# JSU Pep Band livens court at Pete Mathews Coliseum

Staff Writer

While sitting in the bleachers watching a Jacksonville State basketball game, it's hard not to be amused by the antics of the always rowdy Pep Band.

Around campus they are your friends, family and classmates, but when they don those white and red shirts, with matching red shoes, they transform themselves into a musical 'sixth man on the court.'

However, it's not just music that makes this Pep Band one of the most feared and one of the most popular in the TAAC. Their taunts have been known to ruffle the feathers of more than a few coaches and players.

"We've been instructed to make the opposing team feel as uncomfortable as possible," said Mark Fifer, the Director of Athletic Bands. By doing comical things like singing the Smurf's theme song when an unusually small player touches the basketball, or singing "Hit the road, Jack" when a frustrated hoopster fouls out, one can tell that the Pep Band takes their job very seriously.

They, however, are not serious

people. In fact, they frown on being serious. Seriousness to them is like Kryptonite to Superman—it zaps them of their strength. "We don't want anybody too serious," said Fifer. "They need to have fun while they're [playing] because the whole purpose is to get fans excited." As a result, Pep Band members emphasize character and individuality almost as much as musical talents.

The unique personalities add to the band's collective craziness and help maintain that sense of "fun" during a long season in which they make 25 to 30 appearances. Spending so much time together also gives them a camaraderie that's usually reserved for sports' teams and soldiers, and their love of music is that special bond that holds everything together.

Some of these musicians are so in-tuned to music that even if they weren't in college playing in the Pep Band, they'd probably be working the underground circuit waiting for that big break with a band of their own or, at the very least, strumming a guitar on the streets for dollar bills and quarters.

The point is, music is first and foremost in the lives of these artists

and, to the benefit of Jacksonville State basketball fans, they show off their skills with an impressive ensemble of trumpets, trombones, tubas, saxophones, a rhythm section, go-go dancers, and one sole drummer that kicks butt!

"Part of the reason people like us is because we play funk, dance, rock, and R&B," said Fifer. "We try to make ourselves as original as possible every time we go out."

Others have taken notice of the Pep Band's entertaining talents and have asked for their presence in a number of venues besides basketball. They've been requested to play on Parent's Day before the football game, and for the past two years they've played for an organization known as Forward Calhoun County. They have even had opposing coaches

ask them to play for their teams. Fearing a Jacksonville State riot, the coaches were politely turned down.

Starting this fall, the Pep Band will also be playing at Jacksonville State's volleyball games. Fans can

rest assured that band members will have new and inventive ways to embarrass the visiting volleyball teams. Some will probably have to bring a traveling therapist to keep their play-

ers' heads in the game. It should be fun to watch.

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-Mark Fifer

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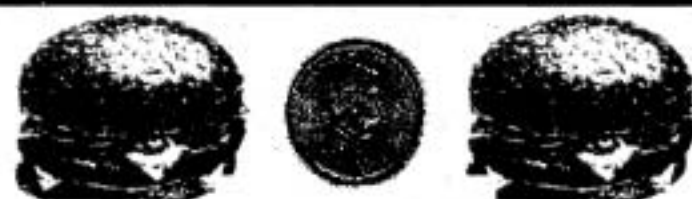
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# Gamecocks end season with win, next step is TAAC tournament

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of regulation. Neither team hit many shots. Rebounds seemed to be hard to come by for both teams, and both teams' marquee players were cold from the opening tip.

In the second half, Mercer's offense began to kick in, and at one point, the Gamecocks trailed by as many as 14 points.

In the latter part of the game, the Gamecocks went on a 19-6 run, and by the 3:43 mark JSU trailed by one point.

With 34 seconds to go, Mercer's Rodney Kirtz hit two foul shots to put the Bears up by three. With 3.4 seconds remaining, JSU's Johnny Kilpatrick tipped in a rebound to send the game into overtime.

With six seconds remaining in overtime, Kirtz hit a shot to put the bears up by two. The Gamecocks inbounded the ball to Rashard Willie who quickly gave the ball to three-point threat Gurley. Gurley took the ball to the top of the key, fought his way past defenders and shot a desperation three pointer from about 40 feet. The ball bounced on the rim once and fell in the basket. In a flash, the crowd poured onto the floor and Gurley was carried off on the shoulders of his teammates. A perfect ending to a stellar career,

and an unbelievable season.

The Gamecocks face Central Florida in the first round of the TAAC Tournament on Thursday.

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November		
19	at Ole Miss	Loss 74-59
24	Mississippi Valley State	Win 71-63
27	Florida A&M	Win 66-58
30	Georgia Southern	Loss 87-84
December		
4	at Stetson	Win 57-52
7	Georgia State	Win 81-79
16	at Tennessee State	Win 77-65
18	at East Carolina	Win 69-53
20	Morehead State	Loss 68-59
30	Clayton State	Win 72-63
January		
3	at Jacksonville	Win 82-73
8	Florida Atlantic	Win 68-46
10	Central Florida	Win 90-83
13	at Mercer	Win 69-65
15	at Troy State	Loss 74-70
19	Mississippi State	Loss 73-61
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February		
3	at Georgia State	Loss 91-77
5	at Campbell	Win 80-60
10	<b>Jacksonville</b>	<b>Win 74-68</b>
12	Stetson	Win 71-65
17	at Central Florida	Loss 68-64
19	at Florida Atlantic	Win 71-61
24	Troy State	Loss 74-69
26	Mercer	Won 80-79

## What the Gamecocks face in the TAAC tournament

From JSU Sports information

Jacksonville State University will be making its first-ever post-season appearance in men's basketball at the NCAA Division I level when the Gamecocks face Central Florida in the Bank of America Trans America Athletic Conference quarterfinal round at Jacksonville, Fla., this week. The Gamecocks, which finished the league race with a 12-6 TAAC record, finished in a tie for third and will square off against the Golden Knights at approximately 8:30 CST on Thursday at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Jax State, which was picked eighth in the preseason poll of the 10-team

league, finished the regular season with a school Division I record 17 wins and 10 losses. The Gamecocks won their first six league games and was tops in the TAAC for most of the season.

Head Coach Mark Turgeon's 12 league wins are also a Division I school record and the Gamecocks split with UCF during the regular season. JSU defeated the Golden Knights 90-83 in overtime in Jacksonville, then lost 68-64 in Orlando two weeks ago.

The event begins on Wednesday, March 1st, with a pair of first round games. Eighth-seeded Mercer (7-11 TAAC) will square off vs. No. 9 Jacksonville (5-13) at 7 p.m. Thirty minutes later, No. 7 Stetson (8-10)

will take on 10th-seed Florida Atlantic (0-18).

Campbell (10-8) enters as the No. 6 seed and will face the defending TAAC Champion Samford (12-6) on Thursday at 1 p.m. Second seed Georgia State (13-5) will face the winner of the Stetson/FAU game in the second quarterfinal. At 7 p.m., top-seeded Troy State (13-5) will meet the Mercer/Jacksonville winner before the final game of the day, which features Jacksonville State and Central Florida.

Semifinals begin on Friday, March 3 at 5 p.m. CST. The Championship Game will tip-off at 1 p.m. CST on Saturday, March 4, and will be televised live by ESPN2.

## The week in JSU golf

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Jacksonville State's women fired a final round of 326 to finish in ninth place at the JoAnn Prentice Lady Blazer Invitational, at Inverness Country Club.

Sam Houston State won the team competition, posting a final round 308 to finish with a 615 two-day total. Amanda Phillips of Austin Peay fired a one-under par, 71, to win the individual title with a total of 149.

Leading Jacksonville State was freshman Angie Green. Green posted an 83 to finish in a tie for 13th, with a 159 total. Senior Marie Mattfolk shot an 81 to finish with a 160 total and finish in a tie for 17th.

Kathy Johnson had the low round of the day for Jax State, firing an 80 to finish in a tie for 22nd at 161. Marie-Eve Dion shot an 82 to finish with a 172 total, and Jami Eckle fired an 87 to finish with a

Jacksonville State's men's golf team fired a final round 295 to finish in 14th place at the South Florida-Ron Smith Invitational.

Florida Southern won the team title firing a three-round total of 863. Columbus State finished in second place with a score of 876.

Jeff Hawk of Florida Southern won medallist honors, defeating Reg Millage of Virginia Commonwealth on the second playoff hole. Both players were tied after three rounds at 211, two-under par.

Leading the Gamecocks was senior Ramiro Perez, who finished in a tie for 19th, at 221, eight-over par. Steven Mackie fired an even-par, 72, in the final round to finish in a tie for 47th at 228.

Blake Terry posted a 76 to finish with a 231 total, and Alex Forsyth fired a one-over par 73 to finish with a 232 total.

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# What's Your Sign?

Today's Birthday (March 2). This year ponder the past and your future, and you may find a way to shed old fears. You've given up on a tough assignment before. If you don't give up in March, you might achieve mastery. A surprise brings money in April, but it could go just as fast. You'll learn well in May if you follow the rules. In August, the way you should serve should be clear. Heed a loved one's urging in November, but follow your own common sense. A secret about your career is revealed in December. Most of February is best spent planning. The more homework you do, the higher your chances of success.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

•Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You and your buddies accomplish quite a lot when you're all on the same track. Set your goals so everybody knows what needs to be done next. You're teaching and learning from each other, and that's good. Minimize travel, though, and keep costs down.

•Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - The thing you'll be most successful at can be quite difficult sometimes. This could be one of those days. If you're running into new barriers, that's because you've already gone past all the old ones. Congratulations! Accept coaching from a friend.

•Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - If anything of yours involves higher education, travel or the law, expect setbacks. Getting your meaning across could be difficult. Be as clear as possible, especially with those who speak different languages. It'll be worth the effort.

•Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - There might be complications with travel again, so take care. If you're in school, you may feel kind of thick-headed. Just go over the material again and again. It'll get through, eventually. Don't spend impetuously, either. Take your time and do it right.

•Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - How are you and a partner going to spend the money you share? Take a few notes so that there isn't a misunderstanding. Don't let nickels and dimes

wreck your friendship. If you're considering a big purchase, little details become even more important.

•Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - You are swamped. There's way too much for one person to do. Your partner doesn't seem to be much help, either. You're in a potentially stressful situation. Do you have a friend who always helps you calm down? Even if it's long distance, call.

•Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 6 - You're pretty lucky, but there could be complications. Better not gamble now; it's not a sure bet. Love should go well, too, especially if you don't get into an argument about money. Emotions are running high, so avoid touchy subjects if you can.

•Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - A lot is going on at home. You want to be there, so change things around so you can. Others want your attention, too, of course. You've a popular person! Save time and attention for the folks you love the most.

•Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - A few things need to be discussed at your house. A couple of things need to be fixed, too. You know it's a good idea, but you might not know how. You might not want to change, either. Learning new skills will make everything easier.

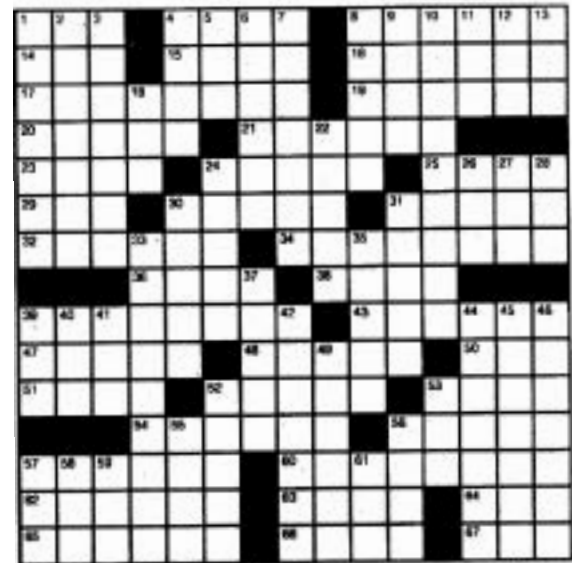
•Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Quite a bit of money could be coming in. This is because you're imaginative and creative and you work hard. It could also be due to a coupon you sent off or taxes you don't have to pay. Don't spend this windfall, however. All might not be as it appears.

•Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - You're looking pretty good. You still need to watch your money, however. If a friend is having financial difficulties, recommend a good bank. Don't make a loan yourself; that could lead to trouble. Don't be a borrower, either, by the way.

•Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - You're pushed to take care of something important. You've been avoiding it, but that's not a good idea. Don't worry, either. This could be easier than you thought. Just take it one step at a time.

## Crossword

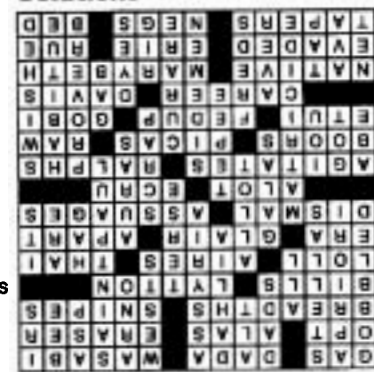
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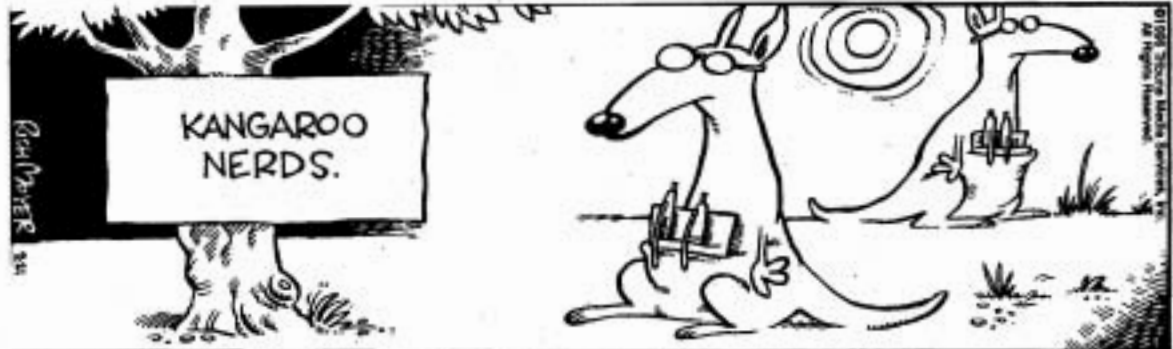
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